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ANTITRUST DIVISION STATEMENT REGARDING AMERICA ONLINE/NETSCAPE MERGER AND AMERICA ONLINE/SUN STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – "After thorough investigation and analysis, the Department's Antitrust Division has closed its investigations of America Online Inc.'s proposed acquisition of Netscape Communications Corp. and America Online Inc.'s strategic alliance with Sun Microsystems Inc. The Division has decided that it will not challenge the transactions, having concluded that neither the merger nor the alliance violate the antitrust laws."

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